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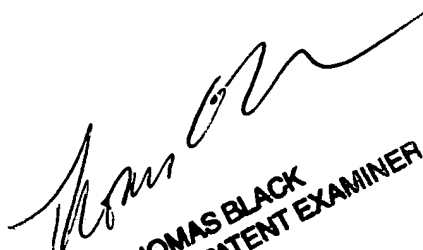
1. ☒ The amendment filed on 07 July 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The request for supplemental notice of allowance requests the addition of claim 12, which was not previously presented. Since the request presents a new claim, it has been treated as an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. The amendment will not be entered since it changes the scope of the claims. The amendment filed on April 4, 2006, consisted of 11 claims that ended on page 4. The remarks followed beginning on page 5. From the correct page numbering it does not appear that any pages that were filed have been lost.


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